

Location: 75th Air Base Wing, 7285 4th Street, Hill AFB, UT 84056.

Matching Funds: Not Applicable

Detailed Spending Plan: Not Applicable.

Description and Justification: Project funding is needed to construct additional taxiway space for the flight preparation of fighter aircraft using the Utah Test and Training Range, to increase flight efficiency and safety by accommodating additional aircraft at the same time on the ramp which will also reduce jet fuel costs.

CONGRATULATING GEORGE GASCON ON BEING SELECTED AS SAN FRANCISCO'S NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate George Gascon, who will soon take over as the Chief of Police in San Francisco after three years of extraordinary service as the City of Mesa's Police Chief. The city of Mesa has seen tremendous growth and innovation in its public safety programs under Chief Gascon, and he has earned him the respect and admiration of that community during his tenure.

Chief Gascon's distinguished service began long before he joined the Mesa Police Department. He honorably served for nearly 29 years in the Los Angeles Police Department, overseeing police operations and working as the Assistant Police Chief for the department.

After taking over the Department in Mesa, Chief Gascon was instrumental in reducing the city's crime rate and fostering a culture of respect for diversity within the department. He was also involved in the implementation of a new police accountability and training program, COMPSTAT, which has raised the standard of excellence for the department's management accountability system.

The fortunate citizens of San Francisco will learn that Chief Gascon is just as dedicated to the community in his private life as he is while wearing a badge. He has volunteered his time and talents to the MARC Center of Mesa, the East Valley Crime and Gang Information Fusion Center, the M.E.S.A. Program, among many others.

I would like to wish Chief Gascon all the best as he embarks on a new chapter in his life. I am confident that the city of San Francisco will come to see the same benefits from his knowledge, leadership and dedication to the community that Mesa has experienced.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service/CSREES

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Ohio State University, College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Studies

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 N. Agricultural Administration Building, 2120 Fyfe Road, Columbus, OH 43210

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$105,000 for the Center for Farmland Policy Innovation in carrying out its work with local communities to develop locally-driven farmland protection policy demonstrations. This project will continue to develop policies and initiatives throughout the State of Ohio, including the valuable nursery and farmland areas in Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON.

Bill Number: H.R. 3082—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Account: Military Construction, Air National Guard.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Carolina Air National Guard, McEntire JNGB.

Address of Requesting Entity: McEntire JNGB, 1325 South Carolina Rd., Eastover, SC 29044.

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,300,000 for the Joint Use Headquarters Building at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. This is the SC Air National Guard portion of the construction money for the SCNG Joint Use Headquarters Building currently funded as part of the fiscal year 2010 FYDP. Number One on the Chief of the National Guard Bureau's "Essential 10" capabilities list, the Joint Forces Headquarters is the most critical transformation the National Guard has undergone since 2001. What used to be the State Area Command (STARCOM) and Air Guard State Headquarters, administrative organizations for peacetime control of units, has developed into a sophisticated headquarters and communications node capable of assuming command and control of units from all services and components when responding to a domestic emergency. Tested and proven during multiple National Security Events in 2004, these headquarters were further validated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. However, the ANG and ARNG State headquarters functions and the TAG Joint Staff are inefficiently dispersed currently. Consolidation in one location will optimize operations and ensure critical Operational and Communications Security. Matching funds are not applicable. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ARTHUR "LU" CAMPBELL

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a true American hero, Arthur "Lu" Campbell of Rockwall, Texas, who passed away earlier this year on February 18, 2009 at the age of 89.

Born August 21, 1919 in Rigby, Idaho, Mr. Campbell was the son of Herbert and Effie Campbell. He proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and was a prisoner of war. His unit was captured in April of 1942. Mr. Campbell was a POW first in the Philippines before being moved to Manchuria where the Japanese subjected him to extreme torture for medical experiments. When he was rescued by the Soviets who liberated the POW camp three and a half years later, Mr. Campbell weighed just 94 pounds.

Following his military service, Mr. Campbell worked in El Centro, California before retiring to Rockwall, TX in 1975. He was a member of the Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints, but also attended the Presbyterian Church of Rockwall with his wife, Frances, who preceded him in death in 2005. He was involved in the Kiwanis Club, the Elk Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was a member of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor.

Mr. Campbell is a true patriot who demonstrated bravery and strength of will in the most difficult of circumstances. He received the Presidential Citation for Valor, the Purple Heart on three separate occasions, a Bronze Star, and a Silver Star.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and service of this American hero, Mr. Arthur Campbell.

REVEREND RICHARDSON ARMSTRONG LIBBY

**HON. JOHN P. SARBANES**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reverend Richardson Armstrong Libby, a community leader in Annapolis, MD, that is highly regarded for his dedication toward historic preservation—a natural pastime in our State's capital. He has become rather famous locally because of an important discovery he recently made concerning the history of the United States Flag.

A navigator and intercept controller for the U.S. Air Force during the Korean war, Rev. Libby has spent the past 40 years in service to the Episcopal Church. Throughout this time, he has maintained a strong interest in U.S. History, especially in the flags of the Revolutionary War.

Following his retirement from the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, Rev. Libby and his wife Kathryn moved to Annapolis in 1999, where he reconnected with his passion for historic preservation. He is a member of the Maryland Historical Society, the Historic Annapolis Foundation, and Board of Trustees for